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Any questions, comments or concerns before or during Summer Camp can be directed to summercamp2023@electricgirls.org

Registration

What are the dates and cost of camp this year?

Electric Girls will offer three sessions during Summer 2023.

- Session 1: June 5 - June 16 (2 weeks)
- Session 2: June 19 - 30 (2 weeks)
- Session 3: July 10-21 (2 weeks)

Drop off will be from 8:00 am - 8:30 am. Summer camp will run from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Aftercare is available from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm daily for an additional cost of \$15 per day. This will be applied on the same app that you used for registration.

The cost per camp session is \$700 per child. This cost includes an Electric Girl t-shirt, supplies for all activities, Demo Day project, and daily snacks. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 during registration. Half day options are not available at this time.

What are the age requirements for camp?

Our Summer Camp is designed for girls aged 5-14 years old. Campers will be separated into three different age groups. 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14

* Campers must have completed Kindergarten by the end of the 2022-2023 school year in order to participate.

* Campers under 8 years old will be required to submit a last report card.

Where is camp being held this year?

Electric Girls Summer Camp is being held at Audubon Charter- Live Oak Campus at 3128 Constance St. New Orleans, LA 70115.

The option I want for my child at camp is full. Should I sign up on the waitlist?

YES! A waitlist will be available on the registration website. The website will be checked regularly and you will be contacted as spots become available. Only children who are signed up on the waitlist will be considered when spots become available.

Billing

How do I pay for camp?

When you register, you will be prompted to enter payment information. Families have the option of paying in full at checkout or creating a scheduled installment plan. All payments must be made in full prior to the start of each session. Payments by the week are not available.

I need to cancel my child's registration. Can I get my money back?

Our registration system offers payment protection for a fee. Please see registration for more details. We do not offer refunds on our end.

Can I change my child's registration?

Please email our Administrative Coordinator, Adrienne Roberts, at adrienne@electricgirls.org to inquire about changing your child's registration. We will only be able to accommodate changes with advance notice and if the classes are not yet full. Some options you may be able to change on your own and others will need to be completed on our end if the change is possible.

After Care

Do you have Early Care and After Care at camp?

Early care is not offered at this time. After Care is offered for an additional cost of \$15/day and runs from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. All children must pre-register for After Care. You will have the option to add this on when registering.

What happens if my child is not picked up on time but is not registered for After Care?

Children who are not picked up by 3:15 will be brought to After Care. Families will be billed for each day that this occurs. It will be \$15 a each day plus \$1/minute after 5:00 p.m.

About Our Teachers & Classes

What qualifications do teachers have at camp?

Electric Girls' instructors are passionate and highly skilled educators. Some of our instructors are in their final years of college, studying science and education. Others are educators with a knack for engineering, and some are former engineers with a skill for teaching. We believe that the best teachers are the ones who believe in the power of learning and growing alongside girls.

We expect all campers to follow the rules to ensure safety for all students and staff members. Electric Girls is a **bully-free environment** and does not tolerate any behaviors that cause severe or pervasive harm to a fellow student or staff member. Electric Girls also prohibits any form of cyberbullying including any communication made in writing or electronically.

Electric Girls believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy learning environment. We have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance among our students, staff, and volunteers. Behavior that infringes on the safety of any student will not be tolerated.

A student shall not bully or intimidate any student through words or actions. Such behavior includes direct physical contact, verbal assaults, and/or the use of electronic methods (*cyberbullying*). Electric Girls' policy prohibiting bullying includes but is not limited to the following:

- Any student who engages in bullying will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including removal from our program
- Students or their parents/guardians are expected to immediately report incidents of bullying to Electric Girls staff
- Electric Girls staff will promptly investigate each complaint of bullying in a thorough and confidential manner

- If the complainant student or parent/guardian of the student feels that appropriate resolution of the investigation or complaint has not been reached after consulting Electric Girls staff, the student or parent/guardian should contact the Electric Girls Program Director.
- Electric Girls prohibits retaliatory behavior against any complainant or any participant in the complaint process

Daily Schedule

What is the schedule like for each age group?

We start each day with our opening circle called "Taking our Temperature". Then we introduce our Tool of the Day and enjoy team games until morning Skill Discovery begins. Campers learn coding, soldering, woodworking, design, etc. from our Electric Girls Summer Camp Staff. Snack gives us a break before jumping into hands-on learning. We then enjoy 1 hour of outside play and lunch. The afternoon is full of more Skill Discovery, followed by another hour for building and hands-on learning. Please check out our Summer Camp Schedules to take a closer look at a day in the life of an Electric Girl summer camper and check out what amazing skills we learn on each day. We close the day with shout outs, before pick-up or aftercare. Summer Camp Schedules will be made available closer to the start of camp!

Preparing for Camp

What should my child bring to camp every day?

Children should arrive in their Electric Girls T-Shirt and closed toe shoes everyday of camp as it is required for safety. One EG t-shirt is included in the cost of registration. Additional t-shirts may be purchased during registration and are highly recommended. An Electric Girls T-Shirt must be worn everyday. If a child arrives without a shirt, one will need to be purchased.

Items to be brought in daily (Labeled with your child's name)

1. Lunch (if applicable)
2. Water bottle
3. Hat or other protective sun items
4. Sunblock should be applied at home daily

*Technology (tablets, cell phones, and other devices should be left at home, as it will not be allowed during the camp day.)

Food

Will the school provide snacks for my child?

Yes. All students are provided with a daily morning snack. We understand that some children have special dietary restrictions or requests and cannot eat the snack that we provide. If you would prefer that your child eat something other than what is provided by Electric Girls, please send a daily snack to school with your child. Children who are with us for After Care will also be given healthy snacks at the beginning of After Care.

What do I need to know about sending lunch with my child?

Our lunch provider, Boucherie, will provide lunches for purchase during Electric Girls this summer for all campers. Each lunch will consist of a sandwich option as well as a healthy, child-friendly side dish, whole fruit, and a cookie. The cost of lunch is \$6.50/meal \$1 for a drink. You must pre-order by a later determined time the day of camp for your child to receive lunch. Boucherie is proudly allergy-friendly and also nut-free. When selecting lunch you will be able to customize your child's lunch and it will be prepared with the selected modifications, eliminations, or substitutions if available. Lunch can also be ordered farther in advance. At a later date parents will receive an invitation link to sign up for Meal Manage, an online system in which they can pre-order lunches. Lunch will not be available on-demand; if the child forgets their lunch, the parents will be called to bring a lunch to camp.

Parents who do not preregister for lunch are responsible for providing a daily lunch for their child. Please pack your child's lunch with appropriate cold packs to keep the food safe from spoiling. All lunch items sent to camp **MUST** be prepared and cut to the size that your child is most comfortable feeding themselves. In accordance with our nut awareness policy, items containing whole nuts, nut pieces, or nut butters are not permitted.

Can I send a special snack to camp?

Yes. However, we ask that parents not send any snacks that contain peanuts or tree nuts for the entire class, special snacks or parties. An ingredient label must be present on the snack. Homemade snacks are not permitted due to the sensitive nature of individual allergies-- even with an ingredient list. For a list of safe snack suggestions please visit <https://snacksafely.com/guide/peanut-treenut-free/>.

What is your nut policy?

Electric Girls is a nut-free camp. This policy applies year-round in all areas of the program. Please do not send campers with snacks or lunches that

contain any peanuts, tree nuts, sesame seeds or nut butters. Students should always wash their hands before coming to school if foods containing nuts were consumed for breakfast. With parent and camper cooperation, the campus will be as safe as possible for students with severe, life-threatening nut allergies.

Illness and Allergy Questions

How do you handle food allergies at camp?

Our top priority is to keep children safe. If your child has a food allergy, please communicate that via email to the camp director. This will also be noted during registration. For serious allergies, we will set up a meeting so we can understand your child's needs. Because of the prevalence of nut allergies, we are a "nut-free" campus, which means that loose nuts, nut butters, and products containing nut pieces are not permitted.

What is your sick policy?

During a "normal" camp year, our policy is that children who have severe coughing, vomiting, diarrhea and/or a fever of $>100.0^{\circ}\text{F}$ may not attend camp or will be sent home. Children must be free of symptoms without medication for 24 hours before returning to camp. Children experiencing eye or skin infections or diagnosed with a contagious illness must provide a doctor's note to return to camp.

Medications

We do not administer medication. If your child requires medication during the camp session it will need to be brought to the camp and administered by a parent.

Our team

Our passion and creativity drive our organization. Our mission is to spark curiosity in every single child. We are thrilled to be able to hang out and engage with your Electric Girl this summer!

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Additional Questions

- What if my camper wants to be in the class with friends?
 - Classes are separated by age and year so we can design the most appropriately paced curriculum for our campers. It is not guaranteed that your child will be in the class with her friends. There will be times throughout the day where all campers are

together and we encourage the campers to meet and enjoy their new friends at camp.

- Can our camper attend more than one session?
 - Yes! All of the sessions are different, and your camper will get something new out of each session

- How do I apply for a scholarship and how will it be awarded?
 - Electric Girls' mission is to ensure that all girls have the opportunity to become leaders in tech, regardless of their family's financial situation. These scholarships are funded by the generosity of corporate sponsorships, foundations, individual donors, and grant-making institutions. You can apply for a scholarship through the registration link.
 - Only one scholarship session offered per student
 - Lunch and Aftercare are not included costs in the scholarship

- What is Demo Day?
 - Demo Day is the culminating festival and celebration of your girl's growth and experience at an Electric Girls program. Demo Days are typically a day of gathering and celebration & that does not need to change! This year, Demo Days will be streamed virtually on the last day of each respective camp session. More details will be shared so that families can watch their students present their projects.

- What are some local STEM opportunities for boys?
 - Boys at Tulane STEM (BaTS) (boys only)
 - STEM NOLA (co-ed)
 - Core Element (co-ed)
 - STEM Innovation Camp @ WW2 Museum (co-ed)
 - Be Loud Summer Camp (co-ed)

- Where do I drop my camper off?
 - Directions to be sent closer to camp start date

- Is there a cut off time for drop off?
 - Drop off ends at 8:30 and campers will head to their classrooms to begin the day. If you are late, please call 504-881-6541 and the staff will come down to get your camper.

- Will I get to meet the instructors?
 - We will have an open house, where instructors will be set up with activities. We would love to meet the families prior to camp!

Be on the lookout for more information on our website and social media.

- Can I have someone else pick up my camper?
 - Anyone that will be picking up campers must be in the emergency contact section. Please let us know in advance if someone new will be picking up your camper for the day.
- Do you provide breakfast?
 - At this time, breakfast is not provided. We will have a morning snack each day prior to lunch.
- Where can I purchase more EG shirts?
 - Each camper will receive one Electric Girls shirt with registration. Electric Girls shirts must be worn each camp day. There will be a link for additional shirts for purchase on the registration link.
- How do we support Electric Girls?
 - Electric Girls is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We rely on donations to cover costs for girls to attend our programs through full-tuition scholarships. Every contribution makes Electric Girls more accessible. Here are a few ways you can get involved:
Donate: Monetary donations can be made on our website. (electricgirls.org) No amount is too big or small! Your donation helps to ensure that every girl has the opportunity to discover her skills in STEM. Depending on where you work, it is possible to ask your company to match your donations to Electric Girls. You can also share the information with your network of family, friends and co-workers.
 - **Run a Fundraiser:** Fundraisers come in all shapes & sizes! You can run a simple Facebook birthday fundraiser. You can partner with a small business to fundraise for Electric Girls! We love highlighting our Electric Community!
 - **Amazon Smile:** This is a simple and automatic way for you to support Electric Girls at no additional cost to you. Everytime you shop, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Just go to

smile.amazon.com and search for Electric Girls as your charity of choice!

- What do campers gain from the program?
 - Girls who participate in Summer Camp will create their own self-directed and designed inventions - this could be a website, a video game, an electronic invention that lights up or moves. Our curriculum centers on the learning benefits of self-directed projects that challenge each girl to make decisions, design, problem-solve, and set goals to achieve the finished product. Campers will earn badges to add to her collection of skills and achievements. Girls will also refine their presentation skills for Demo Day, when each camper will have a public speaking opportunity. Girls who participate in Summer Camp will become a part of the Electric Girls Circuit and can participate in our programs year-round, including Robotics Team, Saturday Enrichment, and more!

- Are there any other fees other than camp tuition?
 - Lunch for purchase through Boucherie will be run through Meal Manage, a third party system.

- What will camp lunch look like?
 - We will be using Boucherie as our lunch provider this year. There will be five different sandwich options each day. You will be utilizing an online system to choose and pre-purchase your camper's meals.

- Any questions, comments or concerns before or during Summer Camp can be directed to summercamp2023@electricgirls.org

*Even if your family receives a full-tuition scholarship, we ask that you consider [making a contribution that is meaningful to you](#) so that we can cover the cost of this program and deliver more exciting STEM learning opportunities!